

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION IV
POLLUTION REPORT

6982

I. HEADING

Date: October 16, 1992

Subject: Kroger Mall PERC Drums Emergency Response
POLREP No. 1

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II. BACKGROUND

Site No.:	TBD
Delivery Order No.:	4001-F4-041
Response Authority:	CERCLA
ERNS No.:	140014
NPL Status:	Non-NPL
State Notification:	GAEPD notified
Action Memorandum Status:	Pending
Start Date:	10-9-92
Demobilization Date:	10-9-92
Completion Date:	11-30-92

III. SITE INFORMATION**A. Incident Category**

This incident was reported by a private citizen associated with the mall facility. The Atlanta Fire Department and Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GAEPD) were also contacted regarding this illegal dumping situation. Notification was made at 1040 hours on 10-9-92 and the initial discovery was made on 10-8-92 at 1725 hours by a private landscaper. EPA responded to the incident at 1100 hours on 10-9-82.

B. Site Description**1. Site description:**

The incident was located behind the Kroger Mall complex at 4920 Roswell Road, Atlanta, Georgia. Someone illegally dumped several leaking drums behind the shopping mall next to a solid waste dumpster used by area businesses.

2. Description of threat:

Two (2) polydrums of 30-gallon capacity each and one 55-gallon metal drum were abandoned. One drum was leaking a brownish liquid with a very foul odor emanating from the spilled materials. Two (2) of the drums had been reported to have EPA hazardous waste labels on them.

C. Preliminary Assessment Results

Upon arrival on-site by OSC's Militscher and Garcia, the Atlanta Fire Department was completing the construction of a small absorbant dike to prevent the spread of leaking wastes. A preliminary assessment revealed that the one metal drum was empty and the other two drums contained dry cleaner filters and sludges probably consisting of perchloroethylene (PERC) residues and wastes.

IV. RESPONSE INFORMATION

A. Situation

1. Current situation

OSCs awaiting final sampling analysis and disposal of the drums.

2. Removal actions to date

ERCS was activated to sample and overpack the two polydrums and cleanup the spilled materials. OSC's inspected a dry cleaning store at the north end of the mall complex and the facility manager was able to demonstrate that they use a different type of filter than the ones discovered abandoned. Also, the manager could prove proper waste disposal activities.

MKC, Inc. of Atlanta was contacted to arrange for transportation, waste characterization analysis, and disposal of the filters and sludges. OSC Militscher departed at 1300 hours to respond to another incident and OSC Garcia remained to oversee the removal activities and additional investigation of the possible source of the wastes.

3. Enforcement

See above description of response activities.

V. COST INFORMATION

	Cost to Date
ERCS Contractor	\$ 3,100
IAGs	
Letter Contracts	
Extramural Cleanup Contractor Costs	\$
TAT	
CLP Analytical Costs	
REAC	
Intramural Direst Costs (Regional, HQ, ERT)	
Intramural Indirect Costs	
Total Intramural Costs	\$ 450
TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS	\$3,550
Project Ceiling	\$5,000
Percent of Project Funds Remaining	<u>71</u> %

VI. DISPOSITION OF WASTES

EPA awaiting waste characterization (believed to be F002) by ERCS subcontractor.